

***REMARKS***

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-5 and 15-30 are pending in the application, with claims 1 and 15 being the independent claims. Claims 6-14 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Because the foregoing changes introduce no new matter, their entry is respectfully requested.

***Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112******Claims 1-5 and 25-30***

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5 and 25-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite. In response, Applicant has amended claim 1 to more clearly point out the subject matter claimed. Claims 2-5 and 25-30, which depend from claim 1, are allowable for at least the same reason.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-5 and 24-30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Applicant respectfully submits that the accompanying amendments to the claims overcome the rejection and claims 1-5 and 24-30 are now allowable. Applicant further thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 15-23 are allowed.

***CONCLUSION***

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for

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any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extension of time or additional claims, and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. 463678-00192; Docket No. A-70895/DJB/VEJ).

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Response is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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